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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket Item #07-16

Dear Secretary:

I understand that a proposal to create a universal wireless Internet access capability throughout the country is now before the Federal Communications Commission. For many reasons that I have come to appreciate from my clients, this is an important issue for our country.

As an international law attorney who has experienced what other countries are doing to enhance access to the internet for their citizens, as well as someone who has been active in our local community, I know that access to the internet is rapidly becoming a necessity in our world, not an option.

Yet, our country seems to be falling behind other countries in developing a system of easy and affordable access for all to the internet. We rank 21st in the world in access to broadband technology according to some reports. Other studies indicate only 41 percent of students from households that make less than \$20,000 use the Internet. And, while small businesses make up the vast majority of our employers, only 5.4 million of them have broadband connections. This sparse use is limiting the ability of small businesses to compete both nationally and internationally.

I strongly believe that the proposal before the FCC, from M2Z Networks, deserves serious consideration by the FCC. Their suggestion to be granted bandwidth similar to what the television networks were granted several decades ago is an idea worth exploring.

I use the everyday in my business and to stay informed on current affairs. The FCC and other government agencies use it to provide information and allow instant feedback from their citizens. Our education systems use it in educating our children. It should be our goal as a nation to make access to the internet as easy and affordable as possible.

I hope you will review, very carefully, the grass-roots support for this proposal and hold hearings to determine if this and other proposals will make the Internet more accessible to everyone in our country.

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